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Before the Examiner

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For: HUMAN RECOMBINANT CYSTEINE
DEPLETED INTERFERON-BETA
MUTEINS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

It is requested that the above-captioned application be expedited for issuance. The original application was filed on October 19, 1982. Since that time the subject matter of the invention, beta-interferon muteins, has become increasingly important as a potential treatment of certain forms of cancer and viral infections. Also, the subject matter of the claimed invention has become increasingly competitive as evidenced from the large number of patent filings and large sums of dollars invested in programs to develop new drugs such as beta-interferon by recombinant DNA technology.

In view of the above considerations, it is submitted that it is in the public interest (as well as the assignee of the application) to inform the public at the earliest point in time of the subject matter covered by the claims of the application. Accordingly, it is requested that the issuance be expedited.

For the record and convenience of the Director of Publications, an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 was filed on January 21, 1986 and entered by the Examiner on January 28, 1986. Formal drawings were filed on or about February 12, 1986 by Patent Reproduction Company, and the Base Issue Fee and a check in the amount of \$575.00 were filed on February 12, 1986.

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